

Extract from Interrogation of (Marquis) KIDO,  
Koichi - 15 February 1946.

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Q But if we were going ahead with the list of names of the particular individuals who were most aggressive as expansionists, we would have to include him alongside of ITAGAKI and ISHIWARA.

A Yes.

Q Was he active in the war that broke out in 1941?

A I believe he was an Army commander.

Q Was he still in the China theatre, or did he operate out of Japan proper?

A I believe he went to Malay later on.

Q Was he, to your knowledge, an advocate of driving the British and the Americans out of Asia and did he subscribe to the Asia for the Asiatics theory?

A I do not know because I did not hear a clear-cut statement concerning him.

Q But that principle was generally followed by ITAGAKI and ISHIWARA and people of that type, was it not?

A Yes.

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Q According to your diary, the North China garrison Army was taking things into its own hands, isn't that right, and were making demands on China without consulting with the Chief of Staff in Tokyo or with the Japanese Government?

A I got this information from the Vice Minister of War, HASHIMOTO, that UMEZU, the Commander of the Japanese garrison troops in Tientsin, and HAYASHI went to Chungking and that HAYASHI, the War Minister is present there for a conference and I felt that that is a good indication that the Army was taking things in their own hands.

Q This Chief of Staff of the Japanese garrison, SAKAI, was he closely associated with ISHIWARA and ITAGAKI?

A I believe so. I believe this person had grievances about not receiving any medals and perhaps this dissatisfaction caused him to create an incident.

Q He was active in the movement to expand Japanese influence in North China, wasn't he?

A I believe so.

Q And he and ITAGAKI were insisting upon taking matters in their own hands and not leaving negotiations up to the Foreign Office, isn't that right?

A There were accusations that they were trying to take away the authorities within the Foreign Ministry to the Army?

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木戸幸一(侯爵)訊問、抜萃、一九四一年二月十五日

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躍シマシタカ。

彼ハ軍司令官デアッタと思ヒマス。

彼ハ尚ホ中國ノ戦場ニ居マシタカ、又ハ  
日本内地外デ活動シテ居マシタカ。

彼ハ後ニ馬來ニ行ッタと思ヒマス。

貴方ノ知ッテ居ルトコロデハ、彼ハ英國  
人トアメリカ人ヲアジアカラ驅逐ス  
ル事ヲ主張シタ人デシタカ。又、アジア  
人ノアジア主義ニ彼ハ同意シテマ  
シタカ。

彼ニ関スル明確ナ話ハ聞イタコトガアリ  
マセンカラ私ハ知リマセン。

併シソノ主義ハ一般ニ板垣、石原及ビ  
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自ラ勝手ニ處理シテ居ッタデハアリマセンカ。  
ソシテ東京ノ參謀總長若シクハ日本政  
府ニ相談シテ、中國ニ要求ヲ出シテ居  
タデハアリマセンカ。

私ハ天津日本守備隊司令官デアッタ梅  
津ト林が重慶ニ行き、林陸相が會議  
爲ニ同地ニ居ルトイフ情報ヲ橋本陸  
軍次官カラ聞キマシタ。ソシテ私ハソ  
ハ陸軍が自ら勝手ニ處理シテルトイフ好  
イ印デアルト感ジマシタ。

此、日本守備隊參謀長酒井、石原  
十穀、恒上、密接ニ提携シテ居マシタリ。

ソダト思ヒマス。此ノ人ハ勲章ヲ貰ハ  
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彼ニ事件ヲ起シタダト思ヒマス。

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ニ活躍シテ居ツタリデハアリマセンカ。

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主張シテ斗テ、ハ事實デセシ。  
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軍ニ持ツテ行カントシテ居ルトイフ非難  
ガアリマシタ。